



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
MASSACHUSETTS**

Water Department  
250 Fresh Pond Parkway  
Cambridge, Mass. 02138

**(617) 349-4770**

April 7, 2010

Dear Customer:

Starting April 12, 2010 the Cambridge Water Department (CWD) will be replacing the old water main and lead water services in Flagg Street. This work will be performed by Water Department distribution personnel. During this process the Water Department will be upgrading all of the lead water services to copper, from the main up to the property line (typically the back of the sidewalk) at no cost to the owner. It is strongly advisable, but not necessary, to continue the lead water service replacement from the property line into the house, which is typically called the property side. In order to do this, at the least cost to the property owner, the owner needs to hire a contractor, who will then have to coordinate the work with the Water Department. To get the most competitive price at least three (3) contractors should quote the work for you. A list of pre-approved contractors is attached for your convenience. You may also elect to use any other bonded contractor of your choice for this work. A table of properties on the above street is enclosed to define the water service material, age and in particular those properties with lead water services.

Some of the advantages to replacing the property side of the lead water service in concert with the Water Department are: 1) the entire length of your water service will be lead free, 2) the permit fees can be reduced (potential cost saving ~\$275), 3) there will be no need for you to hire a police detail (potential cost saving ~\$160/4 hrs), and 4) your water service will only be interrupted once. The consequences of not replacing the lead property side water service are: 1) there will still be lead in the water service pipe, 2) it may cost you more to replace the service in the future, 3) if the service is in poor condition you may have a leak in the future that the property owner will have to repair.

It should be noted that as defined by City ordinance it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their water service line, from the main in the street to the building, in good repair. In this case the Water Department is replacing the lead water services in the street portion of your service at no cost to the property owner in order to remove lead from the water system.

This project will take approximately five weeks to complete and the planned start date is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this scheduled water main upgrade work is subject to change due to weather and other variable conditions which may arise.

We will make every effort to work with you as to the most convenient time to perform this work. The new water main will be installed first and will take approximately three to four weeks. Once the new water main is installed we will then begin renewing the individual service lines. We

encourage you to call the Department for a better understanding of exactly how this work will affect you. Please call the Water Department at 617-349-4763 for assistance during this project. Normal hours are from 7am to 3pm Monday thru Friday. Main number is 617-349-4770

### **IMPROVING YOUR WATER SYSTEM:**

As part of our ongoing maintenance program, we must periodically recondition and replace sections of our water system to maintain the highest quality water at an adequate pressure. Some of the benefits of this work are improved water quality, better flows, increased fire protection and better control of our system.

### **HOW WILL THIS WORK AFFECT YOU?**

**WATER SERVICE** - The water main or your water service may need to be taken out of service to improve the system. During this project we will make every effort to minimize water service interruptions. While the work is in progress, residents and businesses along the route may have a need to be provided with a “temporary” supply of water during these interruptions. Please contact the Water Department if you have such a special need.

**PARKING** - Some restricted parking will occur during construction and every effort to minimize this inconvenience will be made. Daily work zones will be posted for no parking and every effort will be made to avoid any vehicle towing.

### **PLEASE....WATCH YOUR STEP!**

If you live, travel, work or shop in the project area, you'll notice a number of openings in the street to allow access to the water main running across the intersections. All openings will be covered at the end of each workday and will be resurfaced as soon as possible after the project is finished. You can help by cautioning your family and friends to watch their step and to avoid the work areas as much as possible.

### **LEAD WATER SERVICES:**

The water department will be removing all lead-lined water services within this project area and replacing them with copper tubing. The lead-lined water services will be replaced from the water main to the property line (rear of sidewalk) at no charge to the customer. With regard to your water service from the property line to the water meter (property side), you may elect to retain the services of a contractor of your choice or you can select any of the pre-approved contractor's from the attached list. The cost for replacing the water service from the property line to the water meter will be the responsibility of the property owner. It is in your best financial interest to have the property side water service work done in coordination with the work of the Water department.

### **IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM:**

If a problem should occur as a result of our work please report it directly to the Cambridge Water Department by calling our 24-hour emergency number at 617-349-4770. Thank you for patience and cooperation while we work to improve your water system.

Mark Gallagher Manager of Distribution  
Cambridge Water Department  
617-349- 4770 Office  
617-349-4763 Alternate

## Flagg Street

Number	Street	Size	Year	Material
5-7	Flagg	3/4"	1932	Lead Lined
11	Flagg	3/4"	1918	Lead Lined
15-17	Flagg	3/4"	1920	Lead Lined
16-18	Flagg	3/4"	1916	Lead Lined
19-21	Flagg	1"	1988	Copper
20	Flagg	1"	2007	Copper
22-24	Flagg	1"	1926	Lead Lined
26-28	Flagg	1"	1949	Copper
17	Putnam	3/4"	1921	Lead Lined

## BONDED DRAINLAYERS 2010

COMPANY	ADDRESS	PHONE#	CONTACT#	BEEPER# or Cell Phone	FAX#
AA WILL CORP	145 ISLAND ST., STOUGHTON, 02072	781-341-4800	Robert Driscoll	781-424-5603	
Advanced Water & Sewer	87 Franklin St. Allston Mass.02134	617-756-1600	Fred Williamson		
BOND BROTHERS	145 SPRING ST, EVERETT, MA. 02149	617-387-3400	ANDERS YOUNGREN		
C J DOHERTY	173 WOBURN ST., MEDFORD 02155	781-391-4504	CARL MIETT		
C.J. Mabardy	50 Mooney St. Cambridge, Ma. 02138	617-354-7580	Eddie Curran		
D'ALLESSANDRO CORP	PO BOX 263 AVON, MA 02322	508-559-6400	RUSS CORNER Dave Dimartino		
DERENZO CORP	354 Howard St Brocton, Ma.	508-427-6441	John Folan	617-212-4516	
E.B. Rotundi & Sons, Inc	60 Sunset Rd. Winchester, Ma.	781-729-3330	Dennis Lawhorne		
FLETT, JAMES W.	800 PLEASANT ST, BELMONT, MA 02178	617-484-8500	DAN MURRIN Darren Naseck	617-293-1760	
Farrell, Sean Excavation	53 Gilbert St. Quincy, Ma. 02169	617-472-2020 617-472-2060	Sean Farrell		
French, F.E.	224 Rutledge Rd. Belmont, Ma. 02478	617-484-3000	Frank French	617-908-7699	
GALLUP LANDSCAPING	P.O.BOX 401033 Cambridge, Ma. 02140	617-547-3127	DANA GALLUP	617-908-4590	617-576-0
JASON ANTHONY CORP	671 Concord Ave Cambridge, Ma. 02139	617-868-7204	John Perino	617-438-7234	

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John Borges Sewer & Drain	30 Fountain St. Medford Ma. 02155	781-393-0108	John Borges	617-293-4902	
J. MCCABE	509 E. FIRST STREET, S. BOSTON , MA. 02127	617-268-2030	TOM WALSH	617-438-8530	
MCLAUGHLIN	16 LAFAYETTE ST. ARLINGTON, MA 02174	617-592-5231	PHILLIP MCLAUGHLIN		
D.Muzzioli Associates	22 Hough Rd Belmont, Ma. 02178	617-489-5332	Dave Muzzioli	617-212-4550	
SACCA & SONS	PO BOX 445, ARLINGTON, MA. 02174	781-643-2125	Dave Sacca	617-645-2237	
SHANNON CONSTRUCTION	P.O.BOX 793 BRIGHTON, MA 02135	617-799-9357	LARRY MALONEY		
STRADA CONSTRUCTION	1236 EASTERN AVE., MALDEN, MA. 02148	781-334-2652			
SUFFOLK CONSTRUCTION	65 ALLERTON ST, BOSTON 02119	617-269-5400	Scott Gentilhomme	617-828-7530	
SUFFOLK ENGINEERING	104 Pine St Waltham, Ma	781-893-9696		617-719-8005	
Tascon Corporation	346 Washington St. Brantree, Ma. 02184	781-848-5855	Jack Tassinari	781-760-0058	781-848
SNAKE IT AWAY	26 PEARL ST., MEDFORD MA. 02155	800-436-5980	RICH WILLIAMS		
WELSH. A.J.	35 Electric Ave. Brighton ,Ma.	617-254-7550	Jim Welsh	617-590-7035	